

A PROFILE OF CHARACTERISTICS THAT DISTINGUISH  
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETERS AND UNSUCCESSFUL COMPLETERS FOR  
INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM MASSACHUSETTS HALFWAY HOUSES, INC.  
DURING 1979

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## ABSTRACT

This report examines the population of residents released from Massachusetts Halfway Houses, Inc. during 1979 to determine those characteristics that were significant in distinguishing successful completers from unsuccessful completers.

For those residents released during 1979, there were twenty-two variables that distinguished the completers from the non-completers. The variables are listed below, in rank order of their significance:

- 1) Number of Furloughs
- 2) Number of Successful Furlough Outcomes
- 3) Number of Late Under Furlough Outcomes
- 4) Known Drug Use
- 5) Number of Charges for Person Offenses
- 6) Time at Job of Longest Duration
- 7) Number of Charges for Property Offenses
- 8) Number of Minor Disciplinary Reports
- 9) Total Number of Disciplinary Reports
- 10) Time Served Before Pre-Release Placement
- 11) Number of Prior Juvenile Incarcerations
- 12) Prior Address- SMSA
- 13) Age at Incarceration
- 14) Age at Halfway House Placement
- 15) Age at First Arrest
- 16) Time at Most Skilled Position
- 17) Number of Prior County Incarcerations
- 18) Number of Prior Any Incarcerations
- 19) Total Number of Court Appearances
- 20) Age At Release
- 21) Marital Status
- 22) Age at First Drug Arrest

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## INTRODUCTION

Massachusetts Halfway Houses, Inc. (MHHI) is a private non-profit corporation that contracts with the Department of Correction to provide beds for residents of the system on a pre-release basis. There are five houses that operate programs on a pre-release basis under MHHI: 577 House, 699 House, Temporary Housing Project, Coolidge House, and Brooke House.

This analysis continues an evaluation of residents released from MHHI during 1979. The first component of the evaluation was a client profile of these residents (Williams and Harrington, 1980). Included in this evaluation is an analysis of the pre-release sample in terms of the basic statistical differences between individuals who were program completers and those who were program non-completers.

During 1979 there was a total of 151 residents released from MHHI. For comparative purposes, the sample was divided into two groups: program completers and program non-completers based on the following definition: A program completer was defined as any resident who successfully completed his or her stay at a Massachusetts Halfway House facility and was released to the streets either by permit of the Parole Board or by a certificate of discharge. Also, individuals who received a lateral transfer to a similar security facility are considered as successful completers. A program non-completer was defined as any resident who did

not complete his or her stay at MHHI but was instead returned to his or her sending institution of higher security. There were some individuals who were provisionally terminated from MHHI during 1979. Those individuals who were provisionally returned from their MHHI placement, subsequently returned to a MHHI facility, and released from there were counted as successful completers. Those provisional returns who had not returned to lower security during 1979 were counted as unsuccessful completers. Individuals who were provisionally returned during December of 1979 are not included in the sample.

When then 1979 MHHI releases were divided according to status as a program completer or program non-completer, the results are as follows: 105 residents were program completers (completion rate of 70%) and 46 residents were program non-completers (non-completion rate of 30%). There were 38 individuals who had escaped from MHHI facilities during 1979. The majority of the escapes returned within 24 hours of their escape and were subsequently returned to a higher security institution. By the end of 1979, there were not any MHHI escapes still at large. It is important to note that the 38 individuals who escaped are included in the 46 people who were program non-completers.

DATA COLLECTION

Data for this report consists of criminal history variables, social background variables, and commitment variables. Additional institutional behavioral variables, as well as movement variables, were also collected from files maintained in the Central Office of the Department of Correction and from the computerized data base developed by the Correction and Parole Management Information System (CAPMIS) and were produced on the Massachusetts State College Computer Network (MSCCN).

# METHODOLOGY

Commitment, background, and criminal history variables were analyzed according to two specific splits. The entire sample was divided into two groups: program completers and program non-completers. Program completers are defined as those individuals who were paroled, discharged, or received a lateral transfer to another minimum security facility. Program non-completers are defined as those individuals who were either returned to a higher security institution or who had escaped from the MHHI facility in which they had been placed. Those splits shown to be statistically significant at the .05 probability level ( $\chi^2 = 3.84, 1 \text{ df}$ ) were chosen as indicators of differences between program completers and program non-completers.

SAMPLE

During 1979, there were a total of 151 residents released from Massachusetts Halfway Houses, Inc. (MHHI) facilities. The breakdown of 1979 MHHI releases by program completion and program non-completion status is as follows: 105 or 70% were program completers, 46 or 30% were program non-completers. The breakdown of releases in 1979 by facility along with the corresponding completion rate is as follows:

	1979 RELEASES		COMPLETION RATE
	N	%	
577 HOUSE	36	( 24)	67%
699 HOUSE	37	( 25)	65%
TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT	25	( 17)	84%
COOLIDGE HOUSE	20	( 12)	70%
BROOKE HOUSE	33	( 22)	67%
TOTAL	151	(100)	70%



TOTAL SAMPLE RESULTS

Of the entire sixty one variables investigated, twenty-two produced significant differences. These variables are listed in rank order of significance:

- 1) Number of Furloughs
- 2) Number of Successful Furlough Outcomes
- 3) Number of Late Under Furlough Outcomes
- 4) Known Drug Use
- 5) Number of Charges for Person Offenses
- 6) Time on Job of Longest Duration
- 7) Number of Charges for Property Offenses
- 8) Number of Minor Disciplinary Reports
- 9) Total Number of Disciplinary Reports
- 10) Time Served Before Pre-Release Placement
- 11) Number of Prior Juvenile Incarcerations
- 12) Prior Address- SMSA
- 13) Age at Incarceration
- 14) Age at Mass. Halfway House Placement
- 15) Age at First Arrest
- 16) Time at Most Skilled Position
- 17) Number of Prior County Incarcerations
- 18) Number of Prior Any Incarcerations
- 19) Total Number of Court Appearances
- 20) Age at Release
- 21) Marital Status
- 22) Age at First Drug Arrest

A brief discussion of each variable follows:

1) Number of Furloughs

In regards to this variable, it is not surprising that 87% of the completers had two or more furloughs, whereas only 39% of the non-completion sample had two or more furloughs. It is important to realize that this finding is expected in some respect. That is, those individuals who were program completers spent longer time in the programs and therefore had more of an opportunity to receive furloughs.

2) Number of Successful Furloughs

When the individuals who were never furloughed were excluded from this analysis, 66% of the completion sample had six or more successful furlough outcomes, while only 25% of the non-completion sample had six or more successful furlough outcomes.

3) Number of "Late Under" Furlough Outcomes

This variable refers to those individuals who were late returning from a furlough but who returned within 24 hours of their scheduled return time. When the individuals who were never furloughed were excluded from this analysis, 99% of the completion sample had no late under furloughs in contrast to the non-completion sample of which only 82% had no late under furlough outcomes.

4) Known Drug Use

Upon examination of this variable it was noted that 82% of the non-completion sample had some known drug use while only 51% of the completion sample had known drug use.

5) Number of Charges for Person Offenses

An analysis of this variable shows that 79% of the program completers had five or fewer prior person offenses. However, only a little more than half (52%) of the program non-completers had five or fewer prior person offenses.

6) Time on Job of Longest Duration

After excluding unknowns, analysis of this variable shows that only 3% of the completion sample had spent less than one month on any given job in contrast to 20% of the non-completion sample who had spent less than one month on any given job.

7) Number of Charges for Property Offenses

An evaluation of this variable shows that of the completion sample less than half (46%) had six or more prior charges for property offenses. Significantly, almost three-fourths (74%) of the non-completion sample had six or more prior property offenses.

8) Number of Minor Disciplinary Reports

Interestingly, analysis of this new variable yielded a high degree of significance. Of the completion sample, 69% had no minor disciplinary reports compared to the non-completion sample, 41% of whom had no minor disciplinary reports. It is important to realize that these disciplinary reports refer to infractions and slips written prior to the person being placed in a pre-release facility.

9) Total Number of Disciplinary Reports

Another variable, new to this type of study, yielded a high degree of significance. Upon analysis of this variable, half of the non-completion sample had three or fewer total disciplinary reports. Conversely almost three-fourths of the completion sample (73%) had three or fewer disciplinary reports. Thus, upon analysis of this variable and the one prior to this, it would seem that closer examination of these variables in the future would be appropriate and might possibly yield interesting results. Note- As mentioned above, these slips refer to infractions committed prior to the pre-release placement.

10) Time Served Before Pre-Release Placement

After excluding the unknowns, examination of this variable showed a significant difference between the two sample groups. Significantly more of the non-completion sample (71%) had spent eighteen months or less in prison prior to their MHHI placement. For those individuals who successfully completed their MHHI program, 48% had served eighteen months or less in prison. Conversely, only 29% of the non-completers had served nineteen months or longer in prison prior to their pre-release placement whereas 52% of the successful completers had served nineteen months or longer before pre-release placement.

11) Number of Prior Juvenile Incarcerations

In regards to this variable, examination revealed that only 6% of the completion sample had three or more prior juvenile incarcerations. For the non-completion sample, 20% had three or more prior juvenile incarcerations. The non-completers had more of an extensive delinquent background than the completers.

12) Prior Address- SMSA

It is interesting to note that 85% of the completion sample for this variable had lived in the Boston area prior to their incarceration while only 61% of the non-completion sample had lived in Boston prior to their incarceration. However, it is also notable that 75% of the total sample (both completion and non-completion) had lived in Boston prior to incarceration.

13) Age at Incarceration

Significantly, 62% of the completion sample were twenty-three years or older at the time of their incarceration while only 39% of the non-completion sample were that age. For the total sample, 55% were twenty-three or older at incarceration and 45% were younger than twenty-three. 61% of the unsuccessful completers were younger than twenty-three at their incarceration.

14) Age at Massachusetts Halfway House Placement

Interestingly, this variable yielded a significant difference between the sample groups. For the completion sample, 82% were older than twenty-one at halfway house placement while only 61% of the non-completion sample were older than twenty-one at the time of their halfway house placement.

15) Age at First Arrest

After excluding the unknowns, analysis of this variable shows that 57% of the non-completion sample were younger than fifteen at the time of their first arrest while a proportionately smaller number of the completion sample (34%) were younger than fifteen at the time of their first arrest.

16) Time at Most Skilled Position

In regards to this variable, after excluding the unknowns, an examination indicates that 63% of the non-completion sample had spent less than seven months at their most skilled occupational position while a smaller proportion of the completion sample (40%) had spent less than seven months at their most skilled occupational position.

17) Number of Prior County Incarcerations

A majority of the completion sample (60%) had no prior county incarcerations in contrast to a smaller majority of the non-completion sample (39%) who had never been incarcerated in a county facility prior to their incarceration. Of the total sample, little more than half (54%) had no prior county incarcerations.

18) Number of Prior Any Incarcerations

Even more notable than the last result is the significant difference between the two sample groups in regards to this variable. While 70% of the completion sample had fewer than three prior incarcerations of any kind, only 52% of the non-completion sample had fewer than three prior incarcerations.

19) Total Number of Court Appearances

A majority of the completion sample (73%) had more than five total court appearances while 89% of the non-completion sample had more than five court appearances.

20) Age at Release

Of the non-completion sample only 41% were older than twenty-four at the time of their release. Significantly more of the completion sample (60%) were older than twenty-four at the time of their release.

21) Marital Status

Surprisingly, only 20% of the completion sample were married. However, of the non-completion sample only 3% were married. This difference seems even more significant when one looks at the total sample where only 16% were married.

22) Age at First Drug Arrest

Even when the unknowns and not applicables are excluded from the totals for this variable, there still remains a significant difference between the two sample groups. Twenty-seven percent of the completion sample were arrested for a drug charge before age eighteen compared to 55% of the non-completion sample who were arrested for a drug charge before age eighteen.

### INDIVIDUAL MHFI ANALYSIS

For each MHFI facility, an analysis was carried out that examined those factors that significantly differentiated program completers from program non-completers in each program. The results from this analysis are as follows:

#### I) 577 HOUSE

There were five variables that differentiated program completers from program non-completers in the 577 House releases during 1979. The variables are as follows:

##### 1) Number of Furloughs

Significantly more of the non-completers had five or fewer furloughs (75%) than the completers (17%). The vast majority of the successful completers had six or more furloughs before release. As mentioned before, this result could be an indicator of length of time in the program with successful completers having more of an opportunity to participate in the furlough program than did the non-completers.

##### 2) Number of Charges for Property Offenses

The majority of the individuals who were successful in the 577 House program for 1977 had five or fewer charges for property offenses (71%). Only 17% of the non-completers fell into this category.

##### 3) Number of Charges for Person Offenses

Significantly more of the program completers (58% versus 8%) had two or fewer prior person offenses.

4) Age at First Arrest (excluding unknowns)

The majority of the program completers (65%) were age sixteen or older at the time of their first arrest. Only 17% of the non-completers fell into this range.

5) Age At Release

Significantly more of the unsuccessful completers (92% versus 50%) were age 29 or younger when released as compared with the successful completers.

II) 699 HOUSE

There were two variables that proved to be significant in distinguishing between successful and unsuccessful completers at 699 House during 1979. They were as follows:

1) Number of Furloughs

A majority of the program non-completers (77%) had never received furloughs or had received only one furlough. Only 25% of the completers fell into this range. It is important to remember that this result could be an indicator of the fact that the successful completers had spent longer times in the program and thereby, had more of an opportunity to receive furloughs.

2) Number of Charges for Drug Offenses

The majority (69%) of the non-completers had never received a charge for a drug offense. 21% of the program completers had never received a charge for a drug offense. Likewise, 31% of the non-completers had received one or more prior drug charges and 79% of the completers had received one or more prior drug charges.



### III) TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT

There was only one variable that significantly differentiated program completers from program non-completers at the Temporary Housing Project during 1979. This variable follows:

#### 1) Jail Credits

All of the unsuccessful completers had 51 or more days of jail credits before entering prison. 10% of the successful completers had 51 or more days of jail credits before entering prison.

### IV) COOLIDGE HOUSE

There were two variables that were found to be significant in distinguishing between successful Coolidge House participants and unsuccessful Coolidge House participants. They are as follows:

#### 1) Number of Minor Disciplinary Reports

The majority of the unsuccessful completers (83%) had one or more minor disciplinary reports than did those who were successful (14%).

#### 2) Number of Furloughs

Significantly more of the non-completers (67%) had one or fewer furloughs than did the completers (7%). As mentioned before, this may simply be an indication that successful completers had more of an opportunity for furloughs by virtue of their longer stay in the program.

### V) BROOKE HOUSE

There were ten variables that distinguished between

successful and unsuccessful completers at Brooke House during 1979. The variables are as follows:

1) Age At Brooke House Placement

The vast majority of the unsuccessful completers (82%) were age twenty-one or younger when placed at Brooke House. Of the successful completers, only 9% were twenty-one or younger when placed.

2) Number of Furloughs

Significantly more of the program completers (95% versus 36%) had two or more furloughs when released from Brooke House. As stated several times before, this result could be a reflection of the fact that successful completers stay in Brooke House longer than unsuccessful completers and therefore have many more opportunities to receive furloughs.

3) Age at Release

The vast majority of the unsuccessful completers (82%) were age twenty-two or younger when released from Brooke House. Only 18% of the completers were that young when released from Brooke House.

4) Time Served before Brooke House Placement

Significantly more of the program completers (68% versus 9%) had served nineteen months or more in prison prior to their Brooke House placement.

5) Time at Most Skilled Position

The vast majority of the unsuccessful completers (73% versus 18%) had only two months or less at their most skilled position before being committed to prison.

6) Maximum Sentence

Significantly more of the program completers (73% vs. 18%) had a maximum sentence of six years or longer at their commitment.

7) Age at Incarceration

The vast majority of the unsuccessful completers (82%) were age twenty-one or younger when incarcerated in prison. Of the successful completers, only 27% were twenty-one or younger at commitment.

8) Minimum Sentence

Significantly more of the program completers (91% vs. 45%) had an indeterminate minimum sentence at commitment.

9) Drug Use

The majority of the non-completers (82%) had some mention of drug use at their incarceration, while only 36% of the successful completers had some drug use mentioned.

Each significant variable for each MHFI facility is listed in Appendix III.

VARIABLES FOUND TO BE SIGNIFICANT  
BY MHHI FACILITY

VARIABLE	577 HOUSE	699 HOUSE	TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT	COOLIDGE HOUSE	BROOKE HOUSE
1. Age At Release	X				
2. Age At First Arrest	X				
3. Age at MHHI Placement					X
4. Age at Incarceration					X
5. Age at Release			X		
6. Jail Credits			X		
7. No. of Charges for Person Offenses	X				
8. No. of Charges for Property Offenses	X				
9. No. of Charges for Drug Offenses		X			
10. No. of Prior Adult Incarcerations					X
11. Known Drug Use					X
12. Number of Furloughs	X	X		X	X
13. No. of Minor Disci- plinary Reports				X	
14. Minimum Sentence					X
15. Maximum Sentence					X
16. Time at Most Skilled Position					X
17. Time Served Before MHHI Placement					X
TOTALS	5	2	1	2	10

SUMMARY

From the analysis of each of the sixty-one variables, a profile can be constructed of the typical MHHI program completer as compared to the MHHI program non-completer for the 1979 releases. The typical program completer was from the Boston area, at least twenty-three years or older at the time of their incarceration, who had worked steadily for seven months or more and who had no known drug involvement. The successful completer also had two or more furloughs, the majority of which were successful, three or fewer total disciplinary reports prior to placement, was at least twenty-two at the time of pre-release placement and older than twenty-four at the time of release. Finally, the typical completer had no more than five prior person offenses, fewer than seven prior property offenses, two or fewer prior juvenile and prior adult incarcerations, and was older than fifteen at the time of their first arrest. This set of consistent findings leads to the generalization that completers had less serious criminal histories than non-completers.

Although the typical program completer reflects a criminal lifestyle, compared to the non-completer the involvement is far less extensive and starts at a later age. Finally, this profile suggests that the older and less drug oriented people are better able to successfully adapt to the programs.

A summary of these relationships is presented in Appendix I. Those variables which did not yield significant results are presented in Appendix II.

APPENDIX I

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETION RATE</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <u>Number of Furloughs</u>					
One or less	33%	14	( 23)	28	( 61)
Two or more	83%	91	( 87)	18	( 39)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =35.999, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

2. Number of Successful Furlough Outcomes (excluding never furloughed)

5 or fewer	61%	33	( 34)	21	( 75)
6 or more	90%	64	( 66)	7	( 25)
TOTAL	70%	97	(100)	28	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =14.870, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

3. Number of Late Furlough Outcomes (excluding never furloughed)

None	81%	96	( 99)	23	( 82)
One	17%	1	( 1)	5	( 18)
TOTAL	70%	97	(100)	28	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =13.46, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETION RATE</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
4. <u>Known Drug Use (unknowns excluded)</u>					
None	86%	51	( 49)	8	( 18)
Some	59%	54	( 51)	37	( 82)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	45	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =12.518, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

5. Number of Charges for Person Offenses

5 or fewer	78%	83	( 79)	24	( 52)
6 or more	50%	22	( 21)	22	( 48)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =11.188, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

6. Time on Job of Longest Duration (unknowns excluded)

1 month or less	27%	3	( 3)	8	( 20)
2 months or more	68%	92	( 97)	33	( 80)
TOTAL	70%	95	(100)	41	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =10.30, 1 ddf,  $p < .01$ )



VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETION RATE</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>7. Number of Charges for Property Offenses</u>					
5 or fewer	83%	57	( 54)	12	( 26)
6 or more	59%	48	( 46)	34	( 74)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =10.25, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

8. Number of Minor Disciplinary Reports

None	79%	72	( 69)	19	( 41)
One or more	55%	33	( 31)	27	( 59)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =9.931, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

9. Total Number of Disciplinary Reports

3 or fewer	77%	77	( 73)	23	( 50)
4 or more	55%	28	( 27)	23	( 50)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =7.786, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
1979 RELEASES

	COMPLETION	COMPLETIONS		NON-COMPLETIONS	
	RATE	N	%	N	%
<u>10. Time Served Before Pre-Release Placement (unknowns excluded)</u>					
18 months or less	61%	50	( 48)	32	( 71)
19 months or more	81%	55	( 52)	13	( 29)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	45	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 7.015, 1 df,  $p < .01$  )

11. Number of Prior Juvenile Incarcerations

Two or less	73%	99	( 94)	37	( 80)
Three or more	40%	6	( 6)	9	( 20)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 6.86, 1 df,  $p < .01$  )

12. Prior Address- SMSA

Boston	75%	85	( 81)	28	( 61)
Other Location	53%	20	( 19)	18	( 39)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 6.850, 1 df,  $p < .01$  )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETION RATE</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
13. <u>Age at Incarceration</u>					
22 years or younger	59%	40	( 38)	28	( 61)
23 years or older	78%	65	( 62)	18	( 39)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =6.702, 1 df, p<.01)					
14. <u>Age at Mass. Halfway House Placement</u>					
21 years or younger	51%	19	( 19)	18	( 39)
22 years or older	75%	86	( 82)	28	( 61)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =6.64, 1 df, p<.02)					
15. <u>Age at First Arrest (unknowns excluded)</u>					
14 years or younger	56%	33	( 34)	26	( 57)
15 years or older	76%	64	( 66)	20	( 43)
TOTAL	70%	97	(100)	46	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =6.518, 1 df, p<.02)					

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
1979 RELEASES

16. Time at Most Skilled Position (unknowns excluded)

6 months or less	59%	38	( 40)	26	( 63)
7 months or more	79%	57	( 60)	15	( 37)
TOTAL	70%	95	(100)	41	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 6.302, 1 df,  $p < .02$  )

17. Number of Prior County Incarcerations

None	78%	63	( 60)	18	( 39)
One or more	60%	42	( 40)	28	( 61)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 5.602, 1 df,  $p < .02$  )

18. Number of Prior Any Incarcerations

2 or fewer	76%	74	( 70)	24	( 52)
3 or more	58%	31	( 30)	22	( 48)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 4.704, 1 df,  $p < .05$  )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
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1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETION RATE</u>	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>19. Total Number of Court Appearances</u>					
5 or fewer	85%	28	( 27)	5	( 11)
6 or more	65%	77	( 73)	41	( 89)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =4.674, 1 df, p<.05)					
<u>20. Age At Release</u>					
24 years or younger	61%	42	( 40)	27	( 59)
25 years or older	77%	63	( 60)	19	( 41)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =4.505, 1 df, p<.05)					
<u>21. Marital Status</u>					
Married	88%	21	( 20)	3	( 7)
Other	66%	84	( 80)	43	( 93)
TOTAL	70%	105	(100)	46	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =4.347, 1 df, p<.05)					
<u>22. Age at First Drug Arrest (excluding unknowns and not applicables)</u>					
17 years or younger	50%	11	( 27)	11	( 55)
18 years or older	76%	29	( 73)	9	( 45)
TOTAL	70%	40	(100)	20	(100)
( $\chi^2$ =4.34, 1 df, p<.05)					

APPENDIX II

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VARIABLES FOUND NOT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND  
PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <u>Present Offense</u>				
Person	72	( 69)	24	( 52)
Non-Person	33	( 31)	22	( 48)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 3.71, 1df, p > .05)$				
2. <u>Committing Institution</u>				
Walpole	49	( 47)	14	( 30)
Other	56	( 53)	32	( 70)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 3.47, 1df, p > .05)$				
3. <u>Minimum Sentence</u>				
Life	7	( 7)	0	( 0)
Other	98	( 93)	46	(100)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 3.22, 1df, p > .05)$				
4. <u>Maximum Sentence</u>				
Life	7	( 7)	0	( 0)
Other	98	( 93)	46	(100)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 3.22, 1df, p > .05)$				

VARIABLES FOUND NOT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND  
PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
5. <u>MHHI Institutions</u>				
THP	21	( 20)	4	( 9)
Other	84	( 80)	42	( 91)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.96, 1df, p > .05)$				
6. <u>Total Number of Escapes</u>				
None	95	( 90)	37	( 80)
One or More	10	( 10)	9	( 20)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.93, 1df, p > .05)$				
7. <u>Sex</u>				
Male	101	( 96)	41	( 89)
Female	4	( 4)	5	( 11)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.84, 1df, p > .05)$				
8. <u>Total Number of Prior Adult Incarcerations</u>				
None	52	( 50)	16	( 35)
One or More	53	( 50)	30	( 65)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.81, 1df, p > .05)$				



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PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
9. <u>Jail Credits</u>				
50 Days or Less	74	( 70)	26	( 57)
51 Days or More	31	( 30)	20	( 43)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.78, 1df, p > .05)$				
10. <u>Last Grade Completed</u>				
8th Grade or Less	28	( 27)	18	( 39)
9th Grade or More	77	( 73)	28	( 61)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.35, 1df, p > .05)$				
11. <u>Number of Escape Charges</u>				
None	92	( 88)	36	( 78)
One or More	13	( 12)	10	( 22)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 2.17, 1df, p > .05)$				
12. <u>Age at First Drunk Arrest</u>				
Under 18	13	( 39)	8	( 62)
18 or Older	20	( 61)	5	( 38)
TOTAL	33	(100)	13	(100)
$(X^2 = 1.84, 1df, p > .05)$				

VARIABLES FOUND NOT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND  
PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
13. <u>Number of Major D Reports</u>				
None	41	( 39)	13	( 28)
One or More	64	( 61)	33	( 72)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 1.62, 1df, p > .05)$				
14. <u>Prior Address - County</u>				
Middlesex	17	( 16)	4	( 9)
Other	88	( 84)	42	( 91)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 1.50, 1df, p > .05)$				
15. <u>Race</u>				
White	68	( 65)	25	( 54)
Other	37	( 35)	21	( 46)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 1.47, 1df, p > .05)$				
16. <u>Prior Charges for Sex Offenses</u>				
None	92	( 88)	37	( 80)
One or More	13	( 12)	9	( 20)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = 1.33, 1df, p > .05)$				

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PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
17. <u>Number of Adult Parole Violations</u> (Never Paroled Excluded)				
One or Less	13	( 54)	10	( 77)
Two or More	9	( 46)	3	( 23)
TOTAL	24	(100)	13	(100)
$(\chi^2 = 1.15, 1df, p > .05)$				
18. <u>Total Number of Parole Violations</u> (Never Paroled Excluded)				
None	12	( 33)	3	( 19)
One or More	24	( 67)	13	( 81)
TOTAL	36	(100)	16	(100)
$(\chi^2 = 1.15, 1df, p > .05)$				
19. <u>Number of Charges for Drunkenness</u>				
One or Less	81	( 77)	39	( 85)
Two or More	24	( 23)	7	( 15)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(\chi^2 = 1.14, 1df, p > .05)$				
20. <u>Number of Charges for Drugs</u>				
One or Less	83	( 79)	33	( 72)
Two or More	22	( 21)	13	( 28)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(\chi^2 = .96, 1df, p > .05)$				

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	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
21. <u>Number of Adult Paroles</u>				
None	83	( 79)	33	( 72)
One or More	22	( 21)	13	( 28)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)

( $X^2 = .96$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ )

22. Occupation (Unknown Excluded)

Services	27	( 27)	15	( 34)
Other	73	( 73)	29	( 66)
TOTAL	100	(100)	44	(100)

( $X^2 = .74$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ )

23. Present Offense - Property (N/A Excluded)

Burglary & Armed Burglary	10	( 63)	5	( 42)
Other Property	6	( 37)	7	( 58)
TOTAL	16	(100)	12	(100)

( $X^2 = .51$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ ) (Yates Correction Applied)

24. Number of Juvenile Paroles

None	84	( 80)	39	( 85)
One or More	21	( 20)	7	( 15)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)

( $X^2 = .48$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ )

VARIABLES FOUND NOT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PROGRAM COMPLETERS AND  
PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
25. <u>Present Offense - Sex</u>				
Rape	5	( 71)	3	( 75)
Other	2	( 29)	1	( 25)
TOTAL	7	(100)	4	(100)

( $X^2 = .33$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ ) (Yates Correction Applied)

26. Number of Juvenile Parole Violations

None	93	( 89)	42	( 91)
One or More	12	( 11)	4	( 9)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)

( $X^2 = .25$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ )

27. Present Offense - Drugs (N/A Excluded)

Controlled Substance	2	( 33)	0	( 0)
Other Drug	4	( 67)	4	(100)
TOTAL	6	(100)	4	(100)

( $X^2 = .23$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ )

28. Present Offense - (N/A Excluded)  
Other

Weapons	4	(100)	1	( 50)
Other	0	( 0)	1	( 50)
TOTAL	4	(100)	2	(100)

( $X^2 = .15$ , 1df,  $p > .05$ ) (Yates Correction Applied)

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PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS - 1979 RELEASES

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
29. <u>Prior State or Federal Incarcerations</u>				
One or Less	89	( 85)	40	( 87)
Two or More	16	( 15)	6	( 13)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = .12, 1df, p > .05)$				
30. <u>Total Number of Paroles</u>				
One or Less	82	( 78)	37	( 80)
Two or More	23	( 22)	9	( 20)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = .11, 1df, p > .05)$				
31. <u>Prior Address - Selected Towns</u>				
Boston	53	( 50)	22	( 48)
Other	52	( 50)	24	( 52)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = .09, 1df, p > .05)$				
32. <u>Military Status</u> (No Service & Unknown Excluded)				
Honorable Discharge	10	( 48)	4	( 44)
Other	11	( 52)	5	( 56)
TOTAL	21	(100)	9	(100)
$(X^2 = .06, 1df, p > .05)$ (Yates Correction Applied)				

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	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
33. <u>Present Offense - Person</u> (N/A Excluded)				
Armed Robbery	44	( 61)	15	( 63)
Other	28	( 39)	9	( 37)
TOTAL	72	(100)	24	(100)
$(X^2 = .02, 1df, p > .05)$				
34. <u>Institution Received From</u>				
Walpole and Concord	33	( 31)	15	( 33)
Other	72	( 69)	31	( 67)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = .02, 1df, p > .05)$				
35. <u>Prior Minimum Security Placements</u>				
None	90	( 86)	39	( 85)
One or More	15	( 14)	7	( 15)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = .02, 1df, p > .05)$				
36. <u>Prior Pre-Release Placement</u>				
None	74	( 70)	32	( 70)
One or More	31	( 30)	14	( 30)
TOTAL	105	(100)	46	(100)
$(X^2 = .01, 1df, p > .05)$				

**APPENDIX III**



VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
577 HOUSE RELEASES- 1979

1. Number of Furloughs

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
5 or fewer	4	( 17)	9	( 75)
6 or more	20	( 83)	3	( 25)
TOTAL	24	(100)	12	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =9.406, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

2. Number of Charges for Property Offenses

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
5 or fewer	17	( 71)	2	( 17)
6 or more	7	( 29)	10	( 83)
TOTAL	24	(100)	12	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =7.369, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

3. Number of Charges for Person Offenses

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
2 or fewer	14	( 58)	1	( 8)
3 or more	10	( 42)	11	( 92)
TOTAL	24	(100)	12	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =6.30, 1 df,  $p < .02$ )

4. Age at First Arrest (excluding unknowns)

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
15 years or younger	7	( 35)	10	( 83)
16 years or older	13	( 65)	2	( 17)
TOTAL	20	(100)	12	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =5.229, 1 df,  $p < .05$ )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
577 HOUSE RELEASES- 1979

5. Age at Release

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
29 years or younger	12	( 50)	11	( 92)
30 years or older	12	( 50)	1	( 8)
TOTAL	24	(100)	12	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =4.349, 1 df,  $p < .05$ )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
699 HOUSE RELEASES- 1979

1. Number of Furloughs

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
One or less	6	( 25)	10	( 77)
Two or more	18	( 75)	3	( 23)
TOTAL	24	(100)	13	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =7.268, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

2. Number of Charges for Drug Offenses

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
None	5	( 21)	9	( 69)
One or more	19	( 79)	4	( 31)
TOTAL	24	(100)	13	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =6.466, 1 df,  $p < .02$ )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT RELEASES- 1979

1. Jail Credits

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
50 days or less	19	( 90)	0	( 0)
51 days or more	2	( 10)	4	(100)
TOTAL	21	(100)	4	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =10.527, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

Yates Correction Applied

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
COOLIDGE HOUSE RELEASES - 1979

1. Number of Minor Disciplinary Reports

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
None	12	( 86)	1	( 17)
One or more	2	( 14)	5	( 83)
TOTAL	14	(100)	6	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 6.028, 1 df,  $p < .02$ )

2. Number of Furloughs

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
One or less	1	( 7)	4	( 67)
Two or more	13	( 93)	2	( 33)
TOTAL	14	(100)	6	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 5.079, 1 df,  $p < .05$ )

VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH  
PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
BROOKE HOUSE RELEASES - 1979

1. Age at Brooke House Placement

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
21 years or younger	2	( 9)	9	( 82)
22 years or older	20	( 91)	2	( 18)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =14.335, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

2. Number of Furloughs

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
One or less	1	( 5)	7	( 64)
Two or more	21	( 95)	4	( 36)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =10.911, 1 df,  $p < .001$ )

3. Age at Release

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
22 years or younger	4	( 18)	9	( 82)
23 years or older	18	( 82)	2	( 18)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =9.916, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

4. Time Served Before Brooke House Placement

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
18 months or less	7	( 32)	10	( 91)
19 months or more	15	( 68)	1	( 9)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  =8.023, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

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PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
BROOKE HOUSE RELEASES - 1979

5. Time at Most Skilled Position

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
2 months or less	4	( 18)	8	( 73)
3 months or more	18	( 82)	3	( 27)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 7.219, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

6. Maximum Sentence

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
5 years or less	6	( 27)	9	( 82)
6 years or more	16	( 73)	2	( 18)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 6.738, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

7. Age at Incarceration

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
21 years or younger	6	( 27)	9	( 82)
22 years or older	16	( 73)	2	( 18)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 6.738, 1 df,  $p < .01$ )

8. Minimum Sentence

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Indeterminate	10	( 45)	10	( 91)
Other	12	( 55)	1	( 9)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 4.585, 1 df,  $p < .05$ )

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PROGRAM COMPLETERS FROM PROGRAM NON-COMPLETERS  
BROOKE HOUSE RELEASES - 1979

9. Drug Use

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
None mentioned	14	( 64)	2	( 18)
Some mentioned	8	( 36)	9	( 82)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 4.383, 1 df,  $p < .05$ )

10. Number of Prior Adult Incarcerations

	<u>COMPLETIONS</u>		<u>NON-COMPLETIONS</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
One or less	13	( 59)	11	(100)
Two or more	9	( 41)	0	( 0)
TOTAL	22	(100)	11	(100)

(  $\chi^2$  = 4.297, 1 df,  $p < .05$ )



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